

HOUSE BILL NO. 442  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules  
on \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Mehta)

*A BILL to direct the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze kratom enforcement and regulation in the United States; report.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9       1. § 1. *That the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Commission), in consultation with the Board of*  
10      *Pharmacy, shall conduct analysis of the enforcement and regulation of Mitragyna speciosa, commonly*  
11      *known as kratom, and the substance 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) throughout the United States. In*  
12      *conducting its analysis, the Commission shall determine (i) the status of kratom and the substance 7-*  
13      *hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) enforcement and regulation at the federal level; (ii) whether states regulate*  
14      *kratom and the substance 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) through criminalization or consumer protection*  
15      *laws; (iii) the penalties, if any, associated with violations of state law related to kratom and the substance 7-*  
16      *hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), including individual possession and retail sales; (iv) any other information it*  
17      *deems relevant to kratom and the substance 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) enforcement and regulation in*  
18      *the Commonwealth; and (v) any recommendations for changes to existing laws related to the enforcement or*  
19      *regulation of kratom and the substance 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH). All agencies of the Commonwealth*  
20      *shall provide assistance to the Commission for this analysis, upon request. The Commission shall submit an*  
21      *executive summary and report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General*  
22      *Assembly by December 1, 2026.*